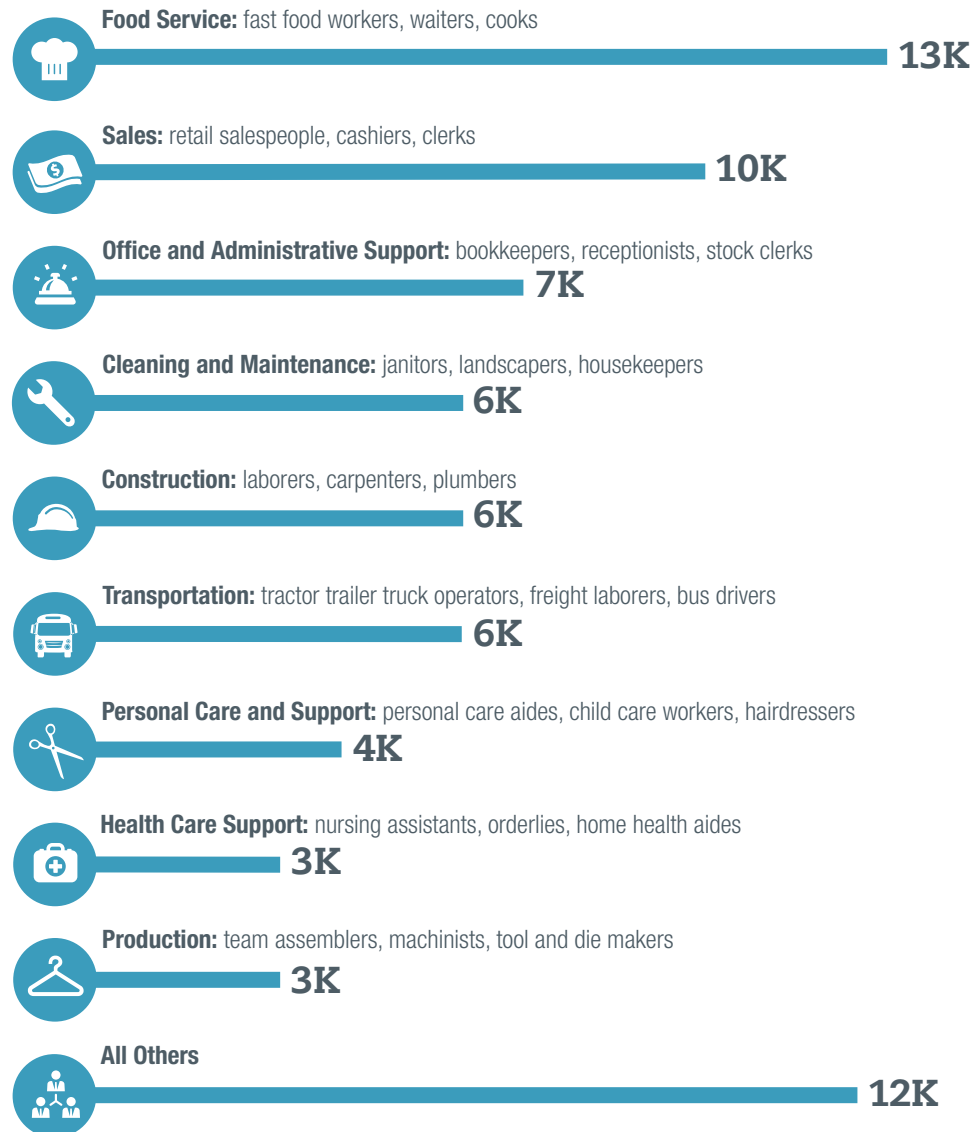




## Top 9 occupations of the working West Virginia residents who can benefit from Medicaid expansion

In 2014, West Virginia accepted federal funds to provide health insurance to more low-income residents through Medicaid. That's meant health insurance for more hard-working West Virginians. Fully 55 percent of those who can benefit from Medicaid expansion are working adults. They work in industries that are the foundation of the state's economy.



Top 9 occupations of workers who can benefit from West Virginia's Medicaid expansion

## Medicaid expansion is a sound investment for West Virginia, creating a healthier workforce and strengthening the state's economy.

Our calculations define West Virginia adults with incomes under 138% of poverty who are employed but lack health insurance and who are currently working or who have worked in the last 12 months. This population is equal to 55 percent of 127,000 uninsured adults who could benefit from expanded coverage (based on 2010-2012 U.S. Census data). It excludes the following: people who have never worked or who have been out of the workforce for 5 years or more (28% of the 127,000 uninsured adults), and those we define as "unemployed," who had not worked in 1-5 years (17% of the 127,000 uninsured adults).

Note: People are classified according to the job they now have or the last job they held in the prior 12 months.

Source: These data are based on information from the American Community Survey, which is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Data are for 2010-2012 and are based on an analysis of uninsured West Virginia residents ages 18-64 with family incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level (\$27,720 for a family of three in 2015).



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